



**DWI Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
July 9th, 2015
12:30 PM
MATS Facility
5901 Zuni Street SE**

Voting Members:

Billy Baldwin
Sam Howarth
Sylvia Sarate
Harris Silver, MD
Keith Hartnett
Thomas Scharmen
Linda Son Stone
Rose Sena

Guests:

Ruben Garcia

Non - Voting Members:

Victoria Romero

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 pm by Chair Baldwin.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda offered by Sarate, seconded by Howarth and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **June, 2015**-Motion to approve offered by Dr. Silver, seconded by Sarate and approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Baldwin requested from members, ideas on what/who they would like to see in future meetings. At last month's meeting, Uber was discussed as a possible ride service alternative to Tavern Taxi. Son Stone expressed concern as she had read that Uber drivers are being linked to household crimes in other states. They know that the

homeowners are not home so they are taking advantage of that. Is that an issue here in NM, she asked? Chair Baldwin stated that in any professional service you may use, there's always the chance of having an issue with criminal activity. The advantage to Uber is that they actually send you a picture and name of the person picking you up so if crime became an issue, you have their information. I know of no issues here in NM, he stated. Uber is very limited, serving only Albuquerque and Santa Fe right now. I am a big supporter of public transportation. The Council agreed to try to get Uber to present in August.

Howarth stated that the organization he spoke about last month would be able to present after August. After brief discussion, the Council agreed to schedule them for a September presentation if possible.

Scharmen suggested that maybe Tavern Taxi present their annual report. Chair Baldwin agreed to discuss this with Director Hotrum. Howarth recommended that they wait until the next report comes out.

Hartnett recommended that maybe the group schedule a tour of the facility. Maybe that'll give us a better idea of the services offered. Chair Baldwin agreed to see which worked better for August—the tour of the facility or an Uber presentation. The council agreed.

Sena asked if clients are charged for services here at Detox to which other members answered that they are not. Baldwin stated that gross receipts tax had increased this month for Behavioral Health—is any of that generated funding going to benefit to this program. Howarth explained that it would not, however, the County put out an RFP, which was awarded to a Tucson firm, to help determine where this funding would be best utilized. I think it would be good to hear from this firm. What did they find, what are they thinking, recommendations they are making to the County because that will eventually indirectly influence how the County utilizes funds. We should probably approach Director Hotrum at some point about this, he stated. Dr. Silver explained that the funding will provide services to clients with mental disorders, many whom have a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

Howarth asked for information on NM Highlands Intensive Outpatient Service. Dr. Silver stated that the clients served were typically court mandated and usually attended about 9 hrs. per week for up to 4 mos. Baldwin stated he would also talk to Director Hotrum about scheduling NMHU.

5. Old Business

a. Attendance and Quorums

Reports were reviewed regarding attendance. The Council agreed that they just needed to make sure that there was a quorum monthly.

b. Next meeting

Announcement was made that the next meeting would be August 13, 2015.

6. Public Comment

Ruben stated that Fran had asked him, regarding Tavern Taxi, how can we know ride use more efficiently since now it is reported monthly. I suggested two different services: the first is an online phone service. The patron calls a phone number that is tracked and then forwarded to Albuquerque Cab. It instantaneously tells us how many people are calling this service. There is also another service that can send a text or code to you that shows when the cab was called and what time cab service arrived. These are just services to consider for proof of performance and they are not expensive, Ruben stated. Baldwin stated that this is also a good audit tool, we have no way of proving what companies say they are doing now. I think it's something we need to consider.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



SUBMITTED BY:

Elena Rodriguez

Date

APPROVED BY:

Billy Baldwin, Chair

Date